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"Remember that if opportunities for great deeds should never come, opportunity for good deeds is renewed for us day by day. The thing for us to long for is goodness, not glory."

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AN EPITOME OF "MORMONISM."

BECAUSE we declare so confidently that there is but one way to be saved, not many ways; that there is "one Lord, one faith, one baptism; and only one church which Christ accepts, we are sometimes accused of narrowness. The charge falls, however, before the light of earnest investigation. "Mormonism," the name applied by the world to the doctrines we teach, is the pure and simple Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and is anything but narrow. It is as wide as the universe and as broad as eternity. It had its beginning before the foundations of this world were laid, and it reaches into the far future when earth and her inhabitants shall have been redeemed and purified and made fit for God's eternal presence. There is no truth however discovered, scientific, philosophic, or revealed direct from heaven which "Mormonism" does not embrace. Its propoganda comprehends the final redemption of every soul of the race of Adam—except the sons of perdition. There is no hint of narrowness in such doctrine.

It is difficult in a single sermon, or conversation or written brief, to give a proper idea of "Mormonism," because of the vastness of the subject. In our "Articles of Faith," the Prophet Joseph gave in condensed form the best statement yet produced, on the points mentioned therein, but it is not held to be a complete epitome of

the faith. It makes no direct mention of the pre-existence of spirits, nor of the resurrection—very prominent features of "Mormonism." The Prophet was asked for a copy of the Latter-day Saints' creed, and, since we have no "creed" in the usual understanding of that term, this statement called the "Articles of Faith" was written. The points involved are stated in a manner so plain and direct that the "Articles" have been regularly adopted by the Church as a guide to the doctrines there set forth. We believe all that they contain, and more.

"Mormonism" teaches that all who have lived on the earth in the flesh, dwelt previously in spirit with God in heaven, and were there in His presence, possessed of form, individuality and intelligence, upon the occasion when the foundations of the earth were laid: "when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy." There were numbers of these spirits, His children, who had reached one particular stage in the march towards a "fulness of joy," and were prepared to enter upon the next course. We had completed our lessons with a degree of excellence which entitled us to "promotion." Our next course lay upon the earth, tabernacled in mortality, shut out from former scenes and recollections and given our free agency. We were permitted to "leave home" for a season, and in a world full of sin and sorrow, show our fitness for places of honor in that greater world, the "Father's House." As some students have ample credits upon which to gain entrance to the institution of higher learning, while others have barely enough to pass in, so it was with us. We learn that there were among those spirits in heaven, many noble and great ones of whom God said: "These I will make *my* rulers." Their records up to that stage were reassuring to the Father and inspired confidence in their ability and faithfulness. Others had not come up with as high honors to the point of entering upon this probation and did not give promise of such great things in their future, but He declared: "Behold this is my work and my glory—to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man."

All of these things were thought out and planned in the heavens before the earthly work of creation was begun, just as the architect works out his plans for a building before the work of construction begins. Many other planets of the nature of this earth had been formed by the Creator, and the plans upon which they were to be built were perfect. No doubt other races had gone through the stage that we are now experiencing, and the plan of salvation which was decided upon for this earth had already been fully and perfectly demonstrated. We are told that two plans were submitted, one by the First-born and the other by Lucifer, the son of the morning. Of the first, Elder Orson F. Whitney, representing the voice of Christ in the council in heaven, has this to say in his poem, "Elias":

"'Father,' it said, 'since one must die
Thy children to redeem,
Whilst earth as yet unformed and void—
With pulsing life shall teem;

"And thou, great Michael, foremost fall,
That mortal man may be,
And chosen Savior yet must send,
Lo, here am I, send me!
I ask—I seek no recompense,
Save that which then were mine;
Mine be the willing sacrifice,
The endless glory—Thine!

"Silence once more, then sudden rose
Aloft a towering Form,
Proudly erect, as low'ring peak
'Lum'ed by the gathering storm.
A presence bright and beautiful,
With eye of flashing fire,
A lip whose haughty curl bespoke
A sense of inward ire.

"'Give me to go,' he boldly cried,
With scarce concealed disdain,
'And hence shall none, from heaven to earth,
That shall not rise again.
My saving plan exception scorns—
Man's agency unknown.
As recompense I claim the right,
To sit on yonder throne.'"

God said: "I'll send the first!" Lucifer, whose plan was rejected, would not submit to the decrees of God, but rebelled against Him, drawing away one-third of the hosts of heaven, whom God cast down to earth dooming them to eternal lack of earthly tabernacles. But these spirits who followed Lucifer retained an influence which they exercised over the more tractable spirits who were permitted to enjoy bodies. This influence was exerted upon our first parents and thus death, and banishment from the presence of God, obtained. The children of Adam all came under the ban of his disobedience, but God in His infinite mercy sent His Only Begotten Son to make atonement for Adam's transgression and give to the children of men a formula which should reconcile them with their heavenly Father and return them to His presence, and to greater exaltation than they could have attained without this experience in mortality. This formula was given to Adam when he had been driven from the Father's presence, accompanied by the promise that in due time Innocent Blood should be shed as a sacrifice for his offence. The token which God gave of this promise was the institution of vicarious offerings which He said were in similitude of the great sacrifice to be made.

This formula was the plan of salvation devised in the heavens, or, in other words, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Through the wickedness of the people, it was taken from men and they were left for a season without it, to follow their own wilful ways. God vouchsafed the plan to Moses for the benefit of the Children of Israel, but they had become so imbued with the spirit of idolatry

during their long bondage in Egypt that they could not live by its ennobling principles, and it became necessary to give them a lesser law, the law of carnal commandments, as a schoolmaster to bring them up to a standard where they could abide the higher and more glorious law of Christ. The powers and authority associated with this greater law, were taken from the earth again at the death, or translation, of Moses, and from that time until the appearance of Christ in the flesh, the Gospel was not on the earth.

During His earthly ministry, the Savior restored the Gospel with its attendant powers and authority, and established a Church for the dissemination of His saving plan. This Church was made the repository of God's word to the world and its organization embraced specific laws and ordinances. To these, Christ, as the Author of our salvation, imposed the strictest obedience. He said that anyone who attempted to come into the fold in any other way, should be counted "a thief and a robber." So jealous was He of the plan which He laid down that the Apostle Paul, among the most able of all His champions, declared with burning words that anyone who dared to preach any other plan, should be accursed. We must remember that this was a perfect plan from the beginning, one which God knew would prove effective in bringing about His purposes, and He would brook no interference with it. He placed in the Church just the officers which it required and so long as the Church remained among men, these officers were to be found in it. As encouragement and blessing to those who obeyed the requirements of the gospel plan and became, through adoption, the sons of God, various gifts and blessings of a miraculous character were conferred by Divine grace, which gifts and blessings were also to be forever a distinguishing feature of the perfect plan.

But Satan was still warring against the purposes of God and he seemingly triumphed for a time, for he so blinded men's eyes that they drifted from the plain and simple ways of Christ, substituting ordinances and ceremonies of their own invention, and changing the character and duties of the officers until nothing of the original fabric remained. The prophets from the beginning had been given to see this state of affairs and they had declaimed long and earnestly against it, but without avail. The time came when that man of sin appeared who "opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God, sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God." Thus did they depart from the "perfect plan," and fall into densest darkness.

In 1820, Joseph Smith was moved upon to seek the Lord in prayer with the result that he received a glorious vision making known to him the condition of utter apostasy in the world. Also, he received the promise from Jesus that if he would live a

pure and Godly life he should be entrusted with the work of restoring the true Gospel and re-establishing the Church of Christ on the earth. Three years later, or on the night of September 21st, 1823, the angel Moroni appeared and fulfilled that prophecy of John the Revelator, wherein he says: "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." The angel Moroni revealed a sacred volume which he declared contained the "fulness of the everlasting gospel." This record was engraved upon metallic plates and contained besides the plain exposition of the "perfect plan," a history of the ancient inhabitants of the American Continent, or, in other words, those other "sheep" of whom the Savior spoke as recorded in the writings of St. John, tenth chapter. The world now has this record in the "Book of Mormon."

Always, when this gospel plan of salvation had been upon earth, authority was granted from on High to officiate in its laws and ordinances. This authority was duly given in this last dispensation. On May 15th, 1829, near Harmony, Pennsylvania, John the Baptist appeared to Joseph and his assistant, Oliver Cowdery, and conferred upon them the authority which he held in the time of Christ; and the following month in the same vicinity, Peter, James and John, the chiefs of the Apostles anciently, appeared and gave unto these two men, Joseph and Oliver, the higher authority which they, the Apostles, held in the primitive Church. Thus was the eternal plan, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, or "Mormonism,"—all signifying the same thing—given to the world.

Prophets have foretold with faithful exactitude the events of the world's history, the ups and downs of the people, and the dispensations of God's providence. Among the events seen and predicted, is this restoration of the Gospel and the establishing of God's kingdom, without the aid of men's wisdom, or "without hands," which establishment should be permanent. The Prophet Daniel was looking upon this age when he saw "the God of heaven set up a kingdom that should never be destroyed, nor left to other people." The work is growing mighty; officers exactly like those of the Church in Christ's days officiate now with the same authority as anciently, and the same gifts and blessings are enjoyed by the saints. There is nothing that was ever revealed in former dispensations that has not been revealed in this, and we have the promise that "all things" shall be made known in these the "latter-days." The office of the Church is to preach this Gospel to all nations as a witness, and to prepare a people to receive the Lord when He comes on earth to begin His reign of a thousand years. In this day of warring and jarring sects, Mormonism comes as a shining ray from heaven, leading the human mind with unerring accuracy through the labyrinth of worldly confusion, to the light of hope, of immortality and eternal life.—S. N. L.

FAREWELL ADDRESS TO THE RELIEF SOCIETIES.

THE time has arrived when I must leave the shores of good old England and return to the land of Zion. My associations with the sisters have been most pleasant and never to be forgotten. I thank our heavenly Father for the success attending the organization of the sisters into societies after the pattern set by our beloved prophet Joseph Smith. His inspired words at several meetings of the first organization, I look upon as of the greatest value and importance. They have to be read and re-read to perceive their deep meaning. There have been forty-six societies organized and four more are ready at this time to be organized, in the British mission. There were but three societies when I arrived in England. Over six hundred women have enrolled their names as workers in this great cause of relief to the poor, sick and afflicted, and in a bond of mutual improvement.

Let each sister remember that she has an unfailing friend and adviser in her Heavenly Father who is ever near and whose ear is always open to hear the prayers of all who ask in faith; also we have the presence of the Priesthood to advise and consult with on all matters of doubt, and we should abide their decisions. We must avoid all schisms and everything that may lead to division or dissatisfaction. Union, love, harmony and goodwill to each other are the watchwords of our societies. Loyalty to the officers appointed by the Priesthood is a sacred duty, and we should give them our faith and prayers and support. The Lord can prepare the weakest who works by faith and in humility to fill any position to which she may be called.

I advise you not to take pride in hoarding a large sum in the treasury, but rather to look about and see where good can be done and someone helped and comforted. Each society should arrange its work as best suited to the needs of the locality, and strive to always have work or material on hand for willing hands to fashion into useful garments or fancy articles for sale at bazaars or socials.

The Prophet Joseph Smith said we should gain wisdom from good books. These should be selected so as to be interesting as well as instructive. Do not fail to have testimony meeting at least once a month, and gently urge the timid to rise and bear their testimony.

Just a word to societies just organized. Conduct your meetings with singing and prayer, the president or other sister in charge giving out the hymns. After roll call, the minutes are read by the secretary, corrections of minutes are called for by the president and noted by the secretary, after which they are accepted by vote. They are then recorded by the secretary, and the society should purchase a good-sized book to contain the records, as they are often very valuable for future reference. All money collected must be cared for by the treasurer, as she is responsible for it. She should record all receipts and disbursements so that she can make her

books balance and show how much money has been received and how much disbursed, and what is on hand. If the president and counselors see the necessity of using, at once, money coming into their hands, they should let the treasurer have the record of amount received and disbursed. The president is not to conduct the affairs of the society without advising with her counselors, as a rule, but in emergencies she can decide herself. A small sum such as a penny or more should be given at each meeting by each member able to do so, but the poorest is just as valued a member as anyone. Make it a matter of duty, a pleasant one, too, to attend the meetings, and go with full expectation of bringing home at least one good, helpful thought.

We should all act as missionaries to spread the light of the gospel that we ourselves have obtained, and will it not be both interesting and instructive to take up the principles one by one at a time for study? The more we investigate and meditate on them the more light we gain and faith in their efficacy and truth. These principles should be so impressed on our children that they will almost count the days when they will be eight years old and can be baptized. It is now decided that children after becoming eight years old and not baptized must at nine years be denied the Sacrament. It seems cruel and very remiss in their duty of parents not to see to it that the children are not deprived of that blessing. Teach the girls and boys, too, not to be boisterous or forward in manners nor given to loud laughter when together in socials or after meetings. The Lord is pleased with cheerfulness and harmless fun, but he says that much laughter is *sin*. We can be happy and have the best of times without excess of any kind. Mothers, remember this and impress it upon the children.

Let us strive to overcome the small errors of life, and soon we will gain strength to grapple with the larger ones. Mothers, be watchful of your girls and boys, and give proper instructions according to their years and development. Every girl should be taught to sew and to cook and to keep a clean and even an artistic home, and the boys to do their share in keeping order and comfort in the house. Mr. Louis Potter, an eminent portrait painter, after spending some time in Salt Lake City, said, "The young girl who does not know how to make her own clothes and how to conduct a household on right lines, and also see about the care of children is not truly a Mormon girl." Every girl who has the honor of being a Latter-day Saint should be an example in deportment and neatness of appearance.

I must now say farewell. I shall take the names of the officers of the Relief Societies home with me and will be pleased to hear occasionally of your success. I shall watch the *Star* with interest for your record—My home address is 1175 Ninth East Street, Salt Lake City. Love to you all and again farewell!

ROMANIA B. PENROSE.

THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS' MILLENNIAL STAR.

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VALEDICTORY.

WITH this issue of the *Millennial Star* I will have to say good-bye to the Elders and Saints and many friends counted among its readers in the European Mission. I do so with some regrets, notwithstanding the pleasurable anticipations I feel in returning to my mountain home, for I have formed many fond associations during my sojourn here, and it is always sad to part with those we love. I arrived here, on my third mission to this country, November 2nd, 1906, and expect to sail from Liverpool on June 11th of the present year. So that by the time I reach home, it will be a little over three years and eight months since I started from Salt Lake city, by appointment of the First Presidency to take charge of Church affairs in this part of the world.

The time has passed along with great rapidity. I have been so busily engaged that there has been none to waste. In addition to writing all the editorials, and the oversight and publishing of the *Millennial Star* and numerous tracts and books and other literature, I have visited twice a year, at least, all the conferences in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, and have traveled extensively in Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, different parts of Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, etc. Accounts of these travels have appeared from time to time in this periodical. The appointing of missionaries to their respective fields of labor, of presidents of conferences, of returning elders in charge of the companies traveling westward over sea and land, the answering of numerous questions on doctrine, discipline, finance, etc., etc., all together have formed a great weight of responsibility which I could not have borne with any degree of success, but for the support and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and the aid of good and devoted servants of the Lord. During most of this time I have enjoyed good health, always a cheerful spirit, and have felt the comfort and strength that come from the Lord in times of need.

This latter-day work has prospered greatly throughout the European Mission. Since I took charge of it, December 1st, 1906, there have been distributed 18,056,257 tracts, 523,216 books, and 3,641 persons have been added to the Church by baptism in the

British mission alone, while in the other parts of the European mission there have been at least 7,400,000 tracts distributed, 626,500 books distributed, and over 4,860 baptisms, making in the aggregate about 25,000,000 tracts, and 1,149,700 books distributed, and over 8,500 persons baptized. Thousands of investigators who have not yet obeyed the gospel have become believers in its principles, and many of them will doubtless also break the bonds of tradition and social environments, and cast in their lot with the people of God. These results have been achieved by the blessing of the Lord upon the labors of earnest and diligent laborers in His vineyard. Seeds sown under the direction of my predecessors, notably Presidents Heber J. Grant and Francis M. Lyman, have borne fruit in more recent times, and are counted in with the result of later efforts. They give encouragement for continued endeavors, and foreshadow still greater returns.

One prominent step in the upward movement in this Mission, was the acquisition of the present Mission headquarters at Durham House, 295 Edge Lane, Liverpool, arranged by President Grant under direction of President Joseph F. Smith, into which we moved before Christmas 1906, making such alterations as were necessary for offices, meeting-room, printing, publishing and associate labors, and combining all with the dwelling apartments in the one premises. This has proved a great boon to all engaged in the work in this establishment. The purchase of "Deseret" in South Tottenham, London, as headquarters for the London conference, was another step forward. It is a splendid edifice well adapted to the purposes for which it was desired, and has proved a vast benefit to the work in this country. The purchase of the iron Church and its erection at Oldham, in the Manchester conference; of the iron Presbyterian Church at Sheffield, and of the brick school buildings in Manchester, with the renting and fitting up of many respectable and attractive meeting houses in different parts of the British Mission, have all tended to place the Church on a higher footing before the public, and have given great pleasure and convenience to the Latter-day Saints.

During the proper season, outdoor preaching has been conducted throughout the British Mission, and many thousands of people who would not enter our places of worship have heard the sound of the glorious gospel sent from heaven in this last dispensation. The elders have lifted up their voices in testimony of the truth, and as a witness to all people that divine communication has been restored and that the Church of Christ has been re-established with all its former doctrines, ordinances, gifts, authorities and powers. Many hundreds of thousands of families have been visited by the missionaries, and gospel conversations have been had, impressions of which will never be effaced in this world or the world to come.

In South Africa also these labors have been diligently conducted,

and the elders there are entitled to a great deal of praise. The Turkish Mission, including that in Greece, has been closed for the present, because of conditions existing there, making the withdrawal of the elders a prudent measure. But the valiant workers in those fields will receive a full reward for all that they have done and will find that it has not been in vain. The spread of the work in the Swiss and German Mission has been most gratifying. It has met with splendid success. The time is not far distant when full liberty will be enjoyed in the German Empire by all religious societies, and the gospel harvest will be of magnificent proportions. The Scandinavian Mission has recently moved forward in a spirited and vigorous manner. The elders have been inspired to greatly increased efforts with marked success. Sweden also has been animated by a similar spirit, while the Netherlands-Belgium Mission has continued to exhibit that energy and produce those results which have made it prominent among the foreign missions.

In all these parts of the European Mission, the evidence of vigorous yet prudent presiding powers, is seen and felt. The brethren in charge, and those who are laboring under their direction, have put their souls into the work, and the Lord has been with them, guiding them and glorifying that which they have performed. I cannot speak too highly of these my co-laborers, the mission and conference presidents, those who are at present in charge, and those who preceded them while I have been here. They are valiant champions of the truth and towers of strength in the House of Israel.

In the Liverpool office most efficient aid has been rendered by the faithful brethren who have labored there. Those who have returned to Zion have been mentioned in these columns by name as they have departed, and their works stand to their credit in the records kept in the archives of heaven. Those who now remain are worthy of all commendation. Elder S. Norman Lee has exhibited much ability as assistant editor of the *Star*, and his writings have shed lustre upon its pages. Talented contributors have also helped greatly in the good work. Elder D. Ray Shurtliff is a most efficient mission secretary, thoroughly reliable, ever ready for duty and accurate in all his accounts. Elder Ralph H. Jones has made many friends in attending to shipping affairs, and has gained valuable experience in the office, while each of the brethren have done good missionary work whenever opportunity offered, and all have been pleasant companions and congenial associates.

The Elders traveling throughout these nations are, in themselves, a host in the great battle against ignorance and wickedness and woe. Their influence and deportment, their self-sacrifice, endurance, patience, sobriety and charity, make them a mark before the world, evoking admiration and respect even from virulent opposers. They are a marvel to mankind. When it is learned

that they have no stipend, but travel and minister at their own expense, wonder and praise find equal place in the minds of all rational beholders. There is nothing like it anywhere on earth, either in Christian or Heathen lands. I love them all. I am a witness of their faithfulness, devotion and obedience. My heart goes out to them in their labors of love. They are fitting themselves for exalted places in the Father's Kingdom. The members of the Church, too, throughout these lands, are worthy of the blessings which they enjoy. In the midst of obloquy, scorn, derision, sometimes violence and the loss of employment, the large majority of them stand firm to the faith and rejoice in tribulation. Verily, they will have their reward.

The opposition encountered during the period in which I have labored while on this Mission has helped, rather than hindered, the progress of the work. The Lord has overruled it to the accomplishment of His purposes. Whenever it has been encountered through the press, and editors have been willing to give us a fair opportunity of reply, the results have been decidedly in our favor, and many of the newspapers have opened their columns to a defense of our faith. They have our gratitude and appreciation of their English love of fair play. Slander, as usual, has been the chief weapon used by those members of the clergy who have undertaken the suppression of "Mormonism" and the oppression of the "Mormons." They do not attempt to assail the recognized doctrines of the Latter-day Saints, but resort to abuse, often in the most offensive and ungentlemanly language. To this we have no desire to reply, and we advise our brethren not to notice it, but whenever an opportunity is given to proclaim the truth and explain our belief, to avail themselves of it without reviling their opponents or getting down to their level. When this course has been followed, it has been found highly beneficial.

I leave the mission in excellent condition, financially, numerically and spiritually. The prospects for the future are glorious. The hearts of the people are being softened towards us. Our real character is shining out through the mists of falsehood that have been raised to befog the public mind. The Lord is with us. His light is prevailing over the darkness of this world. Truth must and will prevail. I know it will conquer and become universally triumphant. I take great pleasure at leaving this mission in such trustworthy hands as those of President Rudger Clawson, a man of long experience, of sound judgment, of honorable renown, one of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of Christ, whose soul is in the work, whose counsels will be founded in wisdom, whose conduct will be exemplary, and whose aim will be the welfare of humanity and the glory of God. With the utmost confidence I commend him to the good-will, support and faith of the Latter-day Saints.

And I bid them now farewell with a tender feeling towards

them in my heart, and an earnest desire for their future good. I hope to meet many of them in Zion, and all of them, through their faithfulness, in the Celestial Kingdom of our God. I bless the elders, presiding or traveling, wherever they are throughout the European Mission. My peace I leave with them. My prayers will be for their progress. My wish is to labor with them in the great cause of human redemption, in the body or out of the body or in the resurrection unto life, until every soul of Adam's race who can possibly be redeemed, shall come forth through their obedience to law and through the atonement of the Savior, into some place, condition or glory in the "many mansions" of the Father, and Christ will proclaim in triumph over sin and Satan, "the work is finished!" Brethren and sisters, God bless you and good-bye.

CHARLES W. PENROSE.

BEFORE another number of the *Millennial Star* issues from the press, President Penrose will have turned over the affairs of the European Mission to his successor and be well on his way homeward. This seems to us, therefore, a fitting time to express something of the joy we have felt in his association during the past several months. His helpful presence has been felt even to the remotest parts of the mission, but naturally it could have been nowhere so direct and immediate as at "headquarters." Here we have worked with him, counseled with him, prayed and sung and rejoiced with him. His remarkably buoyant spirit has kept all gloom at bay; the depth of his sympathy and patience have drawn our hearts to him, and his versatility and thoroughness in all doctrines of the Church have been our admiration, and our incentive towards emulation. He has been our strength and our refuge. We have come to love him with that love known only to those who engage together in the work of the Lord, and we look upon him as embodying our fullest comprehension of that glorious title, "Messenger of Truth." We have also greatly appreciated the genial companionship of Sister Penrose; and the time we have spent in the company of these, our friends, will furnish us food for the most pleasant reflection. Our affections go with them to their mountain homes, and our prayers shall ever ascend to God in their behalf. May heaven shower its richest blessings upon them.—S. N. L.

WHEN President Rudger Clawson was appointed to succeed President Penrose in the European Mission, we merely stated the facts. He has reached Liverpool now, and we bid him a hearty welcome. We can assure him, from our own knowledge and experience, that he is surrounded by a band of brethren who will support him with all their might, minds and strength; men whose hearts are in the work and who know how to sustain God's chosen servants. President Clawson faces a stupendous ministry,

but when he thinks of the thousands of willing hands and hearts ready and anxious to help him, all undue trepidation will disappear. It is a high and responsible position to which he has been called, as he senses fully, and it will gratify him to learn how deeply the elders realize the fact. His long and faithful service in the work commends him to our confidence; we know that his presence here is by the will of God, whose hand will ever be over him, to support and bless him. May success and happiness attend his presidency.—S. N. L.

General Notice.—All communications for the Liverpool office of every kind should be henceforth addressed to President Rudger Clawson, and not to clerks or other persons under his jurisdiction. Will conference and mission presidents and clerks please take notice?

MINUTES OF THE LEEDS CONFERENCE.

THE semi-annual Leeds Conference was held Sunday, May 29th, 1910, at the Labor Church, Peckover Street, Bradford. There were in attendance President Charles W. Penrose of the European Mission, Sister Romania B. Penrose of the General Board of Relief Societies; Elders J. B. Kerr of the Nottingham conference, Albert McCann of the Sheffield conference, S. B. Talmage of the Liverpool conference, President Ernest S. Horsley, Sister Eliza B. Horsley and twenty-six traveling elders of the Leeds conference.

The morning session commenced at 10:15 a.m., about two hundred and twenty-five saints and friends being present.

Opening song, "How Firm a Foundation." Prayer, Elder Fred C. Sanford. Singing, "Guide us, O Thou Great Jehovah." The sacrament was administered by Elders John C. Hall and John W. Howick, during the passing of which the Bradford choir sang, "Reverently and Meekly Bow."

President E. S. Horsley spoke a few words of welcome, after which the labor and statistical report was read by the clerk and accepted by those present. The general and local authorities of the Church were presented by President Horsley, and unanimously sustained.

Sister Clara Horne rendered in a pleasing manner the solo, "My Mother's Prayer."

Elder James E. Jack reported the Batley branch in good condition. Saints were united among themselves and with the Elders. He felt well in being privileged to proclaim the gospel of Christ, and spoke on the authority needed to be able to administer in the ordinances of the gospel.

Elder James A. Webster reported the Clayton branch to be in a united condition, and felt thankful in being an ambassador of Jesus Christ.

President Charles W. Penrose explained that the mission of the elders was to warn this generation that the gospel of Jesus Christ had been restored to the earth. He urged all the saints to do their duties and to explain the gospel to their neighbors and bring them to our meetings. He quoted several verses from the 59th section of Doctrine and Covenants, showing the duties of the saints and the reward the Lord had promised to the faithful.

The Bradford choir sang the anthem, "Praise thy God, O Zion," after which the benediction was pronounced by Elder Clarence E. Bohling.

The afternoon session commenced at 2:15 p.m., at which about five hundred were present. Opening song, "The Spirit of God." Prayer by Elder John C. Hall. The anthem, "The Lord is My Shepherd," was sung by the Halifax choir.

Elder Alfred C. Gunderson reported the Wakefield branch to be in a united condition. All meetings were well attended. He felt well in the work and bore a strong testimony of the truthfulness of the gospel.

Elder Walter A. Sells reported very favorably the Ripon branch, and said that prospects were bright in that locality.

The Leeds branch was reported by Elder A. H. Bowman. Saints were united and were assisting the elders in spreading the gospel, meetings were being well attended, both by saints and investigators.

Elder John C. Hall reported the Pudsey branch as having very bright prospects. The saints were doing well and living their religion. He felt much good was being done by the local organizations and bore a strong testimony of the truthfulness of the gospel.

The Bradford branch was reported by Elder Fred C. Sanford as having over two hundred and fifty members. All meetings were being well attended and the saints were doing their duties. He felt that the opposition that had been started in Bradford would be a factor for good.

The congregation then sang the hymn, "We thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet."

President C. W. Penrose said there were two things needed that the world was practically destitute of and they were Divine light and Divine authority. He spoke on the personality of the Godhead and the erroneous views held in regard to Deity; on the divisions existing in the Christian world to-day and also on the persecutions the Apostles and Prophets suffered in their time and what could be expected in these days if God raised up a Prophet. He then explained the Divine authority needed to act in the name of Jesus Christ and how it was attained in the olden days and how it had again been restored in these days with all the gifts and blessings enjoyed by the ancient saints.

The Halifax choir then sang the anthem, "Great and Glorious is Thy Name." Benediction, President E. S. Horsley.

The evening session commenced at six p.m., at which about six hundred were present. After singing, "Hail to the brightness," prayer was offered by Dr. George H. Higgins. Singing. "What was Witnessed in the Heavens."

Elder Edward C. Rich reported the Halifax branch and said he felt that the saints were doing what they could to spread the gospel. The Relief Society was doing a great work in giving relief to the poor and needy. He spoke for a short time on the divinity of "Mormonism" and how he had obtained a testimony to the truthfulness of this work.

The Bradford choir sang the anthem, "Seek ye the Lord," the solo part being rendered by Elder Charles Parry.

Elder McCann of the Sheffield conference, spoke on the good feeling that always existed where Latter-day Saints assembled. He showed how the work of the Lord had always been rejected by the majority of the people, explained the way in which the Church of Jesus Christ was first organized and how the various religions of to-day had departed therefrom.

The choir then sang the anthem, "The Song of the Redeemed."

President C. W. Penrose felt that the Spirit of the Lord had been with us in our meeting. He spoke on the redemption and gathering that was to take place in the last days according to revelations from God, and of the blessings to be enjoyed by those who endured to the end. He touched briefly on the work being done for the dead; urged all who believed the Gospel of Jesus Christ to obey it and not to be afraid of the scorn of the world. As a farewell word he bore a strong testimony to the truthfulness of the Gospel and also to the divine calling of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

President Horsley thanked all for their attendance and hoped they would go to the regular meetings of the Latter-day Saints and hear more about this great work. After singing, "O My Father," the benediction was pronounced by President E. S. Horsley and the conference adjourned for six months.

On Saturday, May 28th, 1910, President Penrose met with the elders in a priesthood meeting, at which reports were given of their labors during the past six months. Good advice and instructions were given by President Penrose, and many questions were asked and explained.

A Relief Society meeting was also held on Saturday May 28th, 1910, Sister Romania B. Penrose meeting with the sisters.

CLARENCE E. BOHLING, Clerk of conference.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Arrivals.—The following named missionaries arrived for Europe June 4th, 1910, per s.s. *Megantic*: Charles Jensen, Burton, Idaho; Hyrum Dongaard, Fayette, Utah; Richard C. Miller, Castle Dale,

Utah; Michael Hansen, Loa, Utah; James V. Larsen, George Albert Petersen, Mt. Pleasant, Utah; Thomas L. Thomson, Ephraim, Utah; Peter C. Rasmussen, Draper, Utah; James H. Buck, James E. Whittle, Evanston, Wyoming; Carl Eddington, Morgan, Utah; Jonas Anderson, Henry Voss, Lyman, Wyoming; Arthur C. Davidson, Driggs, Idaho; Clements Heber Jensen, Salem, Idaho; John Arthur Cederlund, Springville, Utah; Samuel G. Spencer, Fredrick J. Teuschner, Salt Lake City, Utah; Parley Petersen, Castle Dale, Utah; John M. Jones, Mt. Sterling, Utah; Alma J. Larkin, John H. Tillotson, Ogden, Utah.

Appointments.—The elders who arrived for the British Mission, June 4th, 1910, have been appointed to labor in the following conferences: James E. Whittle, Manchester; Carl Eddington, London; John M. Jones, Irish; James H. Buck, Norwich; Alma J. Larkin, John H. Tillotson, Liverpool.

Releases and Departures.—The following named missionaries have been honorably released and sailed for home June 4th, 1910, per s.s.*Canada*: From Great Britain—William D. Head, J. H. C. Wood, Thomas Viney. From Scandinavia—M. J. Simonson, I. G. Henricksen. From Turkey—Loy Wood. With the company were forty-nine emigrants in charge of Elders Loy Wood, I. G. Henricksen and William D. Head.

Baptisms.—Saturday, June 4th, 1910, a baptismal service was held at the Gorbals Baths, Glasgow (Scottish conference), at which four members were added to the Church. The ordinance of baptism was performed by Elders Walter L. Wilson and William C. Budge.

At a baptismal service held at "Deseret," High Road, South Tottenham (London conference), June 2nd, 1910, one member was added to the Church by baptism, Elder Thomas Viney officiating.

DIED.

CARMICHAEL.—At Paisley, Scotland, May 24th, 1910, the two-year old baby of Sister Agnes Carmichael.

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